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JOINT PROPOSAL OF THE PARTIES FOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

At the February 2, 2005 Procedural Conference, the parties committed to work together to reach agreement on a proposed process for settlement negotiations in this matter. On February 3, 2005, the Arizona Corporation Commission Staff ("ACC Staff"), Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), Time Warner Telecom ("TWT"), the Residential Utility Consumers Office ("RUCO"), MCI, Inc. ("MCI"), the Department of Defense ("DOD"), the Arizona Utility Investors Association ("AUIA"), and Cox Telcom ("Cox") (collectively "the Parties") participated in a conference call in which the following agreement on a proposed settlement process was reached.

The Parties agreed that the settlement conferences will be held at the Commission's offices located at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. The Parties further agreed that settlement conferences would be held weekly and bi-weekly if necessary. The first settlement conference will be held on February 10, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and will continue on February 11, 2005, if necessary. Agreement was reached to hold the next two settlement meetings on February 17, 2005 and February 28, 2005. The Parties also recommend periodic status conferences before the

Administrative Law Judge to update her with respect to the Parties' progress. Depending on Judge Rodda's availability, the parties recommend that the first status conference be scheduled for March 3, 2005.

Qwest agrees to send all parties to the case notice of subsequent settlement meetings at least 3 days before it is to commence. Qwest also agrees to schedule a conference bridge for parties to use who are unable to attend in person.

The Parties listed above have all reviewed this Joint Proposal and agree that it represents the positions reached on February 3, 2005 by the parties on a process to govern settlement negotiations in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Administrative Law Judge adopt the process set forth above and agreed to by the Parties to govern settlement negotiations in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

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